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1. Pardubice Military Airfield 5001N - 1545E was located approximately five km southwest of Prague. A highway from Pardubice to Kolin 5001N - 1512E was on the left side of this airfield. The airfield was approximately 1,200 m (east to west) and approximately 1,000 m wide (north to south).
2. I have drawn from memory a sketch of the airfield See Encl (A); the numbers on the sketch correspond to the following:

Point #1 HIGHWAY: This highway had a concrete surface and was approximately 12 m wide; it went from Pardubice to Kolin.

#2 RAILROAD: This was a single track railroad from Pardubice to Chrudim 4957N - 1548E.

#3 HORSE RACING TRACK.

#4 OIL STORAGE BUILDING: This building, constructed of wood, was approximately 10 x 3 x 3 m; it had a gabled roof covered with tar paper. I have no further information.

#5 FENCE: This fence, approximately two and one-half m high, was on the north side of the airfield.

#6 GRASS COVERED AREA.

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- #7 ROAD: Concrete surfaced; this road served the various installations on the field.
- #8 BARRACKS: There were approximately five barracks; each measured approximately 30 by 8 m, had one story and had a gabled roof covered with tar paper. Each building housed approximately 400 members of the Air Force.
- #9 GRASS COVERED AREA
- #10 MESS HALL FOR ENLISTED MEN: This building, constructed of wood, measured approximately 40 x 30 x 4; it had a gabled roof covered with tar paper.
- #11 OFFICERS' BILLETS: This building, constructed of wood, was "L" shaped; the long side measured approximately 30 m; the shorter was 20 m; it was eight m wide. It was one story high and had a gabled roof covered with tar paper.
- #12 GUARD HOUSE AND TELEPHONE SWITCHBOARD: This building, constructed of wood, was approximately 30 m by eight m; it was single-story and had a gabled roof covered with tar paper.
- #13 GATE: This gate, railroad-type, was guarded 24 hours a day by one airman armed with a submachine gun. This was the only entrance to the airfield.
- #14 GATE LEADING TO CADETS AREA
- #15 BARRACKS: This building, constructed of brick, was two stories high and had a gabled, tile-covered roof. This building measured approximately 40 x 15 m. The first floor contained offices for the doctor and administration; the second floor served as quarters for the cadets.
- #16 BARRACKS: This building was of the same construction as that described under Point #15 and was used for offices and barracks.
- #17 GARAGE: This garage, constructed of brick, was approximately 60 m long and six m wide; it had a gabled roof covered with tile.
- #18 GRASS COVERED AREA
- #19, 20 HOUSING AREA: These houses were not occupied but I am unable to give any reason.
- #21 SCHOOL: This building, constructed of brick, was 30 x 12 m; it had a flat roof. It was used as a school for mechanics.
- #22 OPERATIONS BUILDING: This building, constructed of brick, was approximately 30 x 15 m; it was two stories high and had a flat roof. On the first floor were the weather station, radio operations office and signal offices. The second floor contained the office of the CO, Lt Col Dobrichovsky. The control tower, which was approximately three m high, was located on the roof.
- #23 APRONS: These were approximately 20 m wide and were constructed of concrete.
- #24 HANGAR #1: This hanger was constructed of reinforced concrete; it measured approximately 40 x 20 x 8 m and had a gabled roof. It was used as an aircraft repair shop, and had folding doors.

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- #25 HANGAR #2: This hangar was of the same construction as the one above Point #24 and used for the same purpose.
- #26 GUARD HOUSE: This building, constructed of wood, was approximately four m long and three m wide; it had a flat tar paper-covered roof.
- #27 NEW OPERATIONS BUILDING: This building, constructed of brick, was approximately eight m square. It was four stories high and had a flat roof. At the time I was last there, the building was not yet being used.
- #28 OLD HANGAR: This hangar, constructed of brick, measured approximately 60 x 40 x 13 m. It had a barrel shaped roof. Since this hangar was always closed, I am unable to state whether or not it was in use.
- #29 RADIO REPAIR SHOP: This building, constructed of wood, was approximately 30 by eight m. It had a gabled tar paper-covered roof.
- #30 WAREHOUSE: This building was of the same construction as that described above Point #29; it was used as a clothing warehouse.

3. This airfield was accessible by a highway Point #1 which ran along the northern border of this field. This highway ran from Pardubice to Kolin. A single track railroad ran from Pardubice to Chrudim. The only way fuel could be brought to the airfield was by railroad and then by truck. Oil was stored in building Point #4. Gasoline was stored on the side of Hangar #2 Point #25.

4. This was a sod covered field, and was in use the year round.

5. There were 30 - 40 ME 109's, two or three ARADA's and 10 Spitfires at the field.

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The largest aircraft which landed there was a C-47. No night flying was done at this field. All aircraft were parked in front of hangars.

6. There were only military personnel at this field; approximately 80 cadets and 200 airmen. Pardubice airfield was used only for training. All cadets came from Hradec Kralove where they had received flying training for approximately two years. All cadets were EM who desired to stay in the Czechoslovakian Air Force indefinitely. There were about 60 - 80 cadets in training, using ME 109's. There was also a navigation school; approximately 80 cadets attended that school. After finishing school at Pardubice airfield, all cadets returned to Hradec Kralove for one year after which they received their commissions, as a 2nd lt.

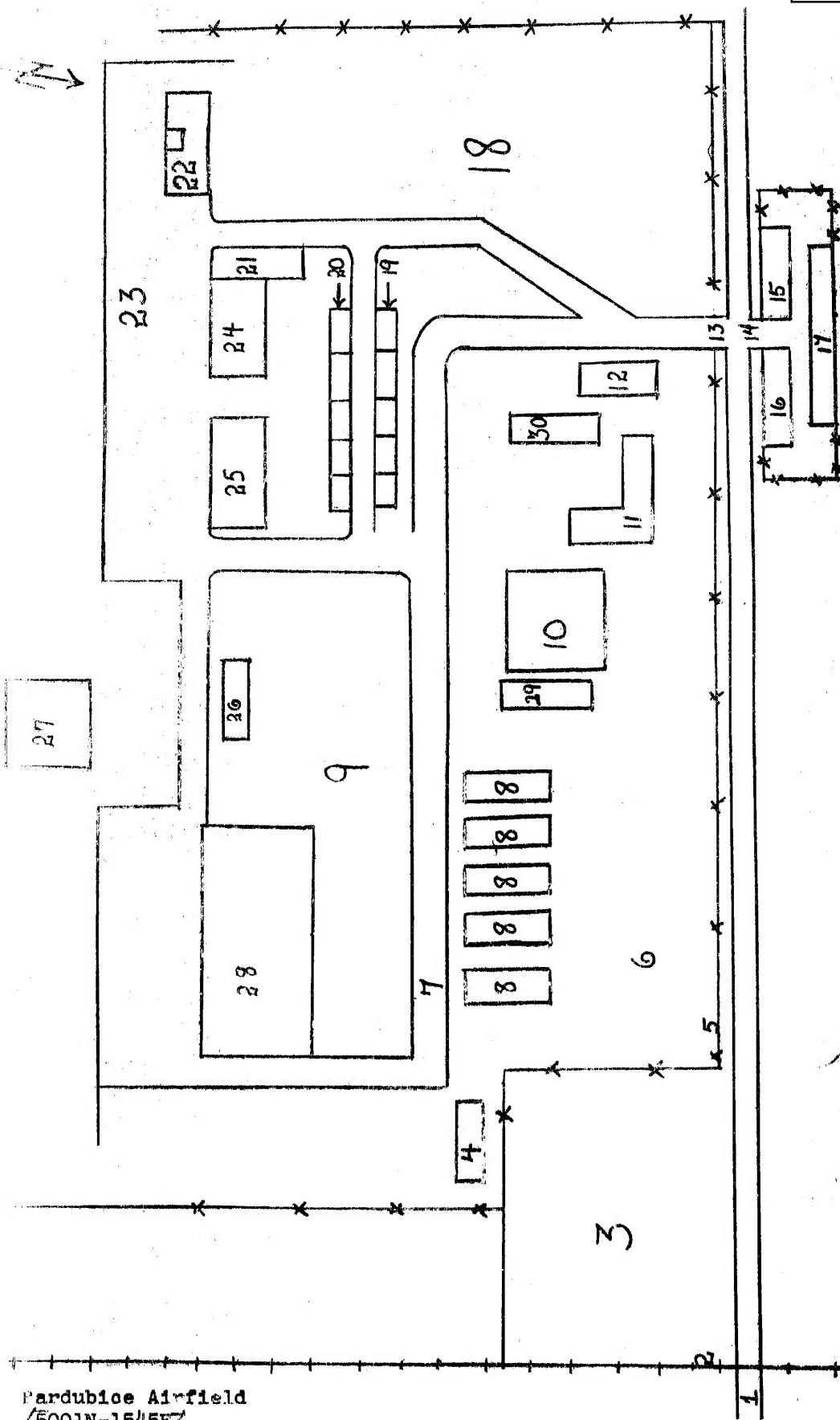
7. I am unable to give any information on technical facilities. The only new construction at this airfield was the new operations building Point #27. I never heard of nor had I ever seen any defense installations on the field.

25X Enclosure (A): sketch of Pardubice Airfield 5001N-1545E

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